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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: : A. Mohamed  
T. SHIMURA et al :  
Serial No.: 09/068,253 : Group: 1653  
Filed: June 9, 1998 :  
For: CARTILAGE/BONE...REPARATION:

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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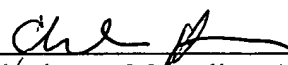
Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding office action be extended for three months until

**October 21, 2003.**

PTO Form-2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing that the appropriate fee be charged to the American Express credit card account # 3727-125685-62029 of the undersigned attorney. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,  
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